

ABSTRACTINDEXING METHOD AND APPARATUS

- 5 An indexing apparatus and method are described for use in identifying portions of data in a database for comparison with a query. In an embodiment, the index includes a key which comprises a sequence of phoneme classifications derived from the input query by classifying each of the
- 10 phonemes in the input query with a number of phoneme classes, with the phonemes in each class being defined as those that are confusable with the other phonemes in the same class.